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from Hon R L Hazen to Mr L
Read before Finance Committee
Nov 28 1871

Extracts from Vestry Minutes of Trinity Church,

RELATING TO ST. MARK'S PARISH BOND.

16 Victoria—Chapter 12.

An Act to erect the Parish of Saint Mark, in the City of Saint John, for ecclesiastical purposes.

Passed 14th April, 1853.

2. The Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Saint John's Church, in the Parish of Saint Mark aforesaid, shall and may on and from the said first Monday in May next, and for ever thereafter, stand seized of, have, hold, possess, and enjoy the said lot of land and premises, with the appurtenances so granted and conveyed as aforesaid by the said Ward Chipman, together with said Church or Chapel of Ease thereon standing and being, together with all and singular the rights, members, privileges, and appurtenances to the same and every part and parcel thereof belonging, or in any wise appertaining, in like manner, and to all intents, uses, and purposes, as the said Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Trinity Church might or could before the passing of this Act have held or enjoyed the same by virtue of the said indenture, or otherwise howsoever; subject nevertheless to such legal and equitable lien or claim as the person or persons having and holding the bonds or other securities at present existing under the seal of the said Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Trinity Church, may or can have upon the rents, issues, and profits of the pews in the said Church or Chapel of Ease, in the event of the other property now belonging to the said Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Trinity Church, in the Parish of Saint John, being at any time hereafter found insufficient to discharge the same, and subject also to the payment of the sum of one thousand pounds, with interest thereon half yearly, to the said Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Trinity Church, in the Parish of Saint John, their successors and assigns, as hereinafter mentioned.

5. The said Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Saint John's Church, in the Parish of Saint Mark, in the City of Saint John, shall within two months after the passing of this Act, make and execute under their common seal a bond or obligation to the said Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry

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of Trinity Church, in the Parish of Saint John, in the City of Saint John, in the penal sum of two thousand pounds of lawful money of this Province, under and subject to a condition for payment to the said Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Trinity Church, in the Parish of Saint John, their successors and assigns, of the sum of one thousand pounds on or before the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, with lawful interest thereon, half yearly, on the first days of January and July in each and every year, until the said principal sum of one thousand pounds shall be fully paid, the first payment of such interest to be made on the first day of July next.

At a meeting of the Rector, &c., of Trinity Church, held on the 15th day of Nov., 1847,

Resolved, That the report of the Committtee on the subject of the division of the Parish, read in Vestry at the last meeting, be received and entered on the Minutes.

The report of the Committee on the division of the Parish mentioned above is as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Vestry of Trinity Church to take into consideration the proposed division of the Parish, beg leave to report, that after a full and deliberate discussion of the subject, with an anxious desire to meet the wishes of the parishioners, and at the same time advance the interests of the Church, they have unanimously agreed to the following plan of division:

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In burthening St. John's Parish with the annuity of £60, your Committee do not anticipate any objection on the part of the future parishioners. They will doubtless reflect that a handsome and substantial edifice, which originally cost more than £8,000, has been surrendered to them for a Parish Church, the pew rents of which now yield the annual sum of £299. The present contingencies of St. John's Chapel, including the salaries of the organist and sexton, may be averaged at $80, which, added to the proposed annuity of £60, will leave £159 per annum towards the payment of the Rector's salary. A minute statement of the finances of Trinity Church, prepared by the Vestry Clerk, is already before the Vestry. It exhibits a satisfactory surplus. But it must be borne in mind that a large sum of money will soon be required for repairs of the Church and the erection of a new tower. Upon the whole, however, without entering into details, your Committee feel justified in saying that the state of the Church funds presents no serious obstacle to the plan of division above proposed, and they agree in recommending the same to the Vestry.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 1st, 1847.

[Signed.]

WM. WRIGHT,
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At a meeting of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, in the Parish of Saint John's, held at the Vestry of the said Church on the 28th day of February, A. D. 1848,

PRESENT:

The Rector, Churchwarden Wright.

VESTRYMEN:

Botsford, Foster, John Sears, Edward Sears, Adams, Fairweather, Robinson, Hazen.

Read a Petition from the Honorable Ward Chipman and ninety-five others, praying for a division of the Parish as contemplated by a Bill published by the direction of this Board in the "Courier" newspaper.

Read a Petition from Henry Gilbert, Esq., and sixty-nine others, with a like prayer.

Read a Petition of Robert W. Crookshank and forty-five others, with a like prayer.

Resolved, That the blank in the Bill for the time of payment of the sixty pounds by the Upper Parish to the Lower Parish be filled up so as to make the sum payable in half-yearly instalments on the tenth day of January and the tenth day of July in each year, the first payment to be made on the tenth day of January next.

(N. B.– This Bill was published in the "Courier" of February, 1848, and contained the provisions for the payment by St. John's, of £60 per annum, being the same amount charged upon that Church by the Law passed five years afterwards, extracts from which are given above. It was introduced in the House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Hazen, was twice read, but was not further proceeded with).

At a meeting of the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, in the Parish of Saint John, held at the Vestry of said Church on the third Day of August, A. D. 1852,

PRESENT:

The Rector; Churchwardens DeVeber and Robinson.

VESTRYMEN:

Messrs. Melick, Lawrence, Sears, Adams, Smith, McGrath, Crozier.

The Rector reported that the Rev. G. Armstrong was waited upon by himself and Mr. Robinson, and that Mr. Armstrong was satisfied with the expression of the proprietors of pews in Saint John's Church, but that before giving a decided answer he thought it right that some assurance should be given of the amount he was to receive for his services.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. DeVeber,

Whereas, The Rev. George Armstrong, at the request of a large number of the owners and occupiers of pews in Saint John's Church, and with the concurrence of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Parish, has consented to become incumbent of said Church, provided suitable provision is made for the maintenance of himself and family. *Therefore Resolved*, That when the part of this Parish intended to form the Parish for St. John's Church shall have been set apart as a separate district, and the Rev. George Armstrong shall have been duly licensed thereto, this corporation will allow for the support of the said Church and Clergyman all rents, collections and subscriptions connected with the aforementioned Church, less the amount now paid to the organist and sexton, the expenses of fuel, repairs, &c., and the sum of sixty pounds per annum, which is to be paid into the hands of Trinity Church for advances made towards the erection of St. James' Church, Lower Cove. *And further Resolved*,

That the members of this Vestry occupying pews in St. John's Church be a committee to enter into arrangements with the Rev. George Armstrong, it being distinctly understood that they are in no way to make this corporation liable beyond the extent specified in the above resolution. *And further Resolved*, That at the next session of the Legislature this corporation will make application for setting the northern section off into a separate Parish.

At a meeting of the Rector, &c., of Trinity Church, held on the 18th Nov., 1852,

On motion of Mr. DeVeber, seconded by Mr. Lawrence,

Ordered, That copies of all the letters, proceedings and resolutions with respect to the setting off St. John's Church as a separate district be furnished to the Committee for the information of the pew holders of that Church.

At a meeting of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, held at the Vestry on the 21st February, 1853,

PRESENT:

(The Rector being ill,) Mr. Church Warden Robinson in the Chair.

VESTRYMEN:

Messrs. Thurgar, McGrath, Sears, Tisdale, Smith, Lawrence, Adams.

Read a Bill for setting off that part of the City to the northward of Union Street into a separate Parish, and ordered that it be approved and engrossed and read before the Grand Jury at its next sitting.

And further Resolved, That a petition be prepared from this corporation in support of the Bill, and on approval of the same by the Wardens, that the Clerk affix the Common Seal thereto and forward it to the Hon. Mr. Gray, with a request from this Board that he will take charge of it in the House of Assembly.

At a meeting of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, held at the Vestry on the 14th March, 1853,

PRESENT:

The Rector, Church Wardens DeVeber and Robinson.

VESTRYMEN:

Messrs. McGrath, Sears, Smith, Lawrence, Melick, Thurgar, Tisdale.

The Vestry Clerk submits again the Draft of Bill for erecting the new Parish of St. Mark, and the same having been amended, Ordered that it be engrossed as amended, and read before the Grand Jury and forwarded to the Legislature.

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